

Listing of the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A commodity sales system ~~that is connected with a user computer in a communicable manner and is used when a user purchases a commodity and trades in a used personal computer, said commodity sales system~~ comprising:

at least one server computer, the at least one server computer ~~including~~ including:

a memory system;

a commodity price specification module that includes computer programs stored in the memory system for receiving ~~receives~~ a purchase request of a selected commodity from the user computer and specifies for specifying a commodity price of the selected commodity;

a storage module that stores a component price table including both a maximum trade-in price and a minimum trade-in price corresponding to each component included in a used personal computer;

a maximum/minimum price determination module ~~that, including:~~ computer programs in the memory system for receiving ~~when a~~ trade-in request of a used personal computer and component information regarding each of components included in the used personal computer ~~are received from the user computer, computer;~~ reads out

computer programs in the memory system for outputting a maximum trade-in price and a minimum trade-in price corresponding to each of the components based on the received component information from the component price ~~table, table;~~ and determines

computer programs in the memory system for determining a maximum price of the used personal computer as a sum of the maximum trade-in prices of the components and a minimum price of the used personal computer as a sum of the minimum trade-in prices of the components;

a tentative quote setting module including computer programs in the memory system for setting~~that sets~~ the minimum price determined by the maximum/minimum price determination module to a tentative quote of the used personal computer;

a deduction setting module including:

computer programs in the memory system for requiring~~that, an~~ assessment of the used personal computer when the tentative quote exceeds a first reference value, ~~determines that an assessment of the used personal computer is required~~ upon receipt of the used personal computer by the commodity sales system to determine a final trade-in price of the used personal computer computer; and

computer programs in the memory system for setting~~sets~~ the minimum price of the used personal computer to a deduction of the selected commodity, which is to be subtracted from a specified price of the commodity, a sub-module including:

computer programs in the memory system for determining an assessment of the used personal computer is not required when the tentative quote is not greater than the first reference value but exceeds a second reference value which is smaller than the first reference ~~value, determines that the assessment is not required~~ value; and

computer programs in the memory system for setting~~sets~~ the tentative quote of the used computer to the deduction of the ~~commodity, commodity~~; and

a sub-module including:

computer programs in the memory system for determining an assessment of the used personal computer is not required when the tentative quote is not greater than the second reference ~~value, determines that the assessment is not required~~ value; and

computer programs in the memory system for setting~~sets~~ a preset fixed price, which does not depend upon the tentative quote, to the deduction of the commodity; and

an amount payable notification module ~~that~~ including:

~~computer programs in the memory system for subtracting~~ subtracts the setting of the deduction from the specified price of the selected commodity to calculate a ~~difference~~ difference; and

~~computer programs in the memory system for notifying~~ notifies the user computer of the calculated difference as an amount ~~payable~~ payable; and

~~computer programs in the memory system for notifying the user computer of the maximum price and the minimum price of the used personal computer wherein the amount payable notification module, when the tentative quote exceeds the first reference value, further notifies the user computer of the maximum price and the minimum price of the used personal computer, including notifying and notifies that, if the final trade-in price of the used personal computer determined after the assessment exceeds the minimum price, an amount of difference between the final trade-in price and the minimum price is to be refunded to the user.~~

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A commodity sales system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said deduction setting module computer programs in the memory system for setting sets the deduction to be not less than a preset support price.

Claims 3-6 (Canceled).

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): A commodity sales system in accordance with claim 1, wherein said deduction setting module; ~~in the case where said quote determination module determines trade-in quotes of multiple used articles, includes~~ computer programs in the memory system for setting sets a total deduction of the selected commodity, which is to be subtracted from the specified commodity price of the selected commodity, according to a sum of the trade-in quotes of the multiple used articles or a sum of deductions set for the respective used articles.

Claims 8 and 9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A commodity sales method that is carried out when a user purchases a selected commodity and trades in a used personal computer, said commodity sales method comprising the steps of:

(a) ~~causing a server computer to receive~~ receiving a purchase request of a selected commodity ~~in a server computer, the purchase request being received from the user computer and specify the purchase request specifying~~ a commodity price of the selected commodity;

(b) ~~causing the server computer to receive~~ receiving a trade-in request of a used personal computer and component information regarding each component included in the used personal computer ~~in a server computer, the purchase request being received from the user computer, the trade-in request including:~~

a reference to refer to a component price table including, the component price table including:

both a maximum trade-in price and a minimum trade-in price corresponding to each component included in ~~the used a used personal computer and computer;~~ read out

(c) ~~output~~ a maximum trade-in price and a minimum trade-in price corresponding to each of the components based on the received component information from the component price ~~table, and to determine table;~~

(d) determining a maximum price of the used personal computer as a sum of the maximum trade-in prices of the components and a minimum price of the used personal computer as a sum of the minimum trade-in prices of the components;

(e) ~~causing the server computer to set~~ (c) setting the minimum price determined in said step (b) step (d) to a tentative quote of the used personal computer;

(d) ~~causing the server computer to,~~ (f) when the tentative quote exceeds a first reference value, ~~determine that requiring~~ an assessment of the used personal computer is required upon receipt of the used personal computer by the commodity sales system the assessment including:

determining to determine a final trade-in price of the used personal computer computer; and

setting the minimum price of the used personal computer to a deduction of the selected commodity, which is to be subtracted from a specified price of the ~~commodity;~~ commodity;

(g) when the tentative quote is not greater than the first reference value but exceeds a second reference value which is smaller than the first reference value, determine determining that the assessment of the used personal computer is not

required and setting set the tentative quote of the used computer to the deduction of the commodity, and

(h) when the tentative quote is not greater than the second reference value, determine determining that the assessment of the used personal computer is not required and setting set a preset fixed price, which does not depend upon the tentative quote, to the deduction of the commodity; and

(e) ~~causing the server computer to subtract~~ (i) subtracting the setting of the deduction from the specified price of the selected commodity to calculate a ~~difference~~ and notify difference;

(j) notifying the user computer of the calculated difference as an amount payable;

~~wherein said step (e); including:~~

when the tentative quote exceeds the first reference value, notifying the user computer of the calculated difference as an amount payable includes ~~ntifying~~ ~~causes the server computer to further notify~~ the user computer of the maximum price and the minimum price of the used personal ~~computer,~~ computer; and

notifying the user computer ~~notify~~ that, if the final trade-in price of the used personal computer determined after the assessment exceeds the minimum price, an amount of difference between the final trade-in price and the minimum price is to be refunded to the user.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A commodity sales method in accordance with claim 10, wherein setting the minimum price of the used personal computer to a deduction of the selected commodity includes said step (d) sets setting the deduction to be not less than a preset support price.

Claims 12-15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A commodity sales method in accordance with claim 10, wherein said setting the minimum price of the used personal computer to a deduction of the selected commodity, which is to be subtracted from a specified price of the commodity includes setting step (d), in the case where said step (b) determines ~~trade-in quotes of multiple used articles, sets~~ a total deduction of the selected

commodity, which is to be subtracted from the specified commodity price of the selected commodity, according to a sum of the trade-in quotes of the multiple used articles or a sum of deductions set for the respective used articles.

Claims 17-32 (Canceled).